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SUBJECT: KHARTOUM ASSASSINATIONS, PRESS COVERAGE.

- 1. AL- AYAM HEADLINES: "FATAH REPRESENTATIVES EMPHASIZE FATAH HAS NO CONNECTION WITH KHARTOUM TRAGEDY; SUDAN'S CONDEMNATION IS CONFINED TO ELEMENTS WHICH MANAGED FATAH OFFICE IN KHARTOUM". AL- AYAM REPORTED INFOMIN AND GOS OFFICIAAL SPOKESMAN OMER HAJ MOUSA TOLD SUDAN NEWS AGENCY (SUNA) NIMAIRI HAS RECEIVED FATAH AND PLO REPRESENTATIVES. "ATMOSPHERE OF GENUINE FRATERNAL ARAB SPIRIT PREVAILED DURING THIS MEETING IN WHICH HAND-WRITTEN MESSAGE FROM FATAH CHIEF YASSER ARAFAT WAS DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT NIMAIRI," PAPER SAID, REPEATING SIMILAR STORY OF PAST TWO DAYS.
- 2. PALESTINIAN DELEGATION DISCUSSED SEVERAL ASPECTS CONNECTED WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN KHARTOUM AND EMPHASIZED FOLLOWING:
- " FATAH REFUTES CATEGORICALLY AND COMPLETELY HAVING DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONNECTION WITH BLACK SEPTEMBER INCIDENT OF KHARTOUM OR INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF COUNTRY." UNCLASSIFIED

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Z FATAH IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING OVERALL INVESTIGATION REGARDING PARTICIPATION OF FATAH ELEMENTS OF KHARTOUM OFFICE IN THIS INCIDENT."

- " PLO AND FATAH REAFFIRMED THEIR APPRECIATION CONCERNING ROLE BEING PLAYED BY SUDAN IN SUPPORTING PALESTINIAN CAUSE."
- " DELEGATES MENTIONED AGAIN WITH THANKS AND GRATITUDE NIMAIRI ROLE IN SUPPORTING ARAB COMMANDO ACTIVITIES AND REFERRED TO NIMAIRI'S PATRIOTIC MOVEMENT DURING BLACK SEPTEMBER'S CRITICAL DAYS IN AMMAN IN 1970."
- 3. MOUSA TOLD SUNA NIMAIRI SAID, "SUDAN'S CONDEMNATION IS CONFINED TO ELEMENTS OF FATAH OFFICE WHICH PARTICIPATED EITHER IN PLANNING OR IMPLEMENTATION OF SAUDI EMBASSY OPERATION OR INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF COUNTRY OR USING EQUIPMENT OF FATAH'S OFFICE FOR OTHER THAN ITS MAIN PURPOSES." MOUSA SAID, "NIMAIRI, BY STATING THIS, WANTED TO REMOVE FATAH ORGANIZATION FROM SUSPICION IN THIS TRAGEDY." MOUSA ADDED THAT NIMAIRI STRESSED SUDAN'S "FULL SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION" AND THAT "PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION MUST BE ABOVE ARAB CONFLICTS AND IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES."
- 4. HE SAID NIMAIRI TOLD PALESTINIAN DELEGATION THAT " ARAB STRUGGLE AT THIS DECISIVE HISTORICAL STAGE IS IN FACT CONFRONTATION WITH FIERCE, IMPERIALIST, ZIONIST AND RACIST ENEMY WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY ALL IMPERIALIST FORCES IN ITS AGGRESSION AND EXPANSION."
- 5. PALESTINIAN DELEGATION, WHICH INCLUDES JAMAL AL- SAWRANI, DIRECTOR PLO AND ARAB LEAGUE REP.; ABU- HATIM, BEIRUT FATAH REPRESENTATIVE AND ENVOY OF YASSER ARAFAT; AND ABDEL- LATIF ABU- HIJLA, KHARTOUM PLO DIRECTOR, LEFT KHARTOUM FOR CAIRO YESTERDAY. FRITTS

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